



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Examiner: Laura Estelle Edwards

Stephen D. Pacetti et al.

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USING THE MADREL TO COAT A STENT

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Examiner Edwards:

This is a Response to the Office Action mailed on March 7, 2005, which had a shortened statutory time to reply that ends on June 7, 2005.